AN

Historical Account

OF SOME

MEMORABLE ACTIONS,

Particularly in Virginia;

ALSO

Against the Admiral of Algier, and in the East Indies: Performed for the Service of his Prince and Country,

By Sir THOMAS GRANTHAM, Knight,

WITH AN INTRODUCTION

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THE

Memorable Actions

OF

Sr *Thomas Grantham.*

AS the Dictates of Nature are of Force sufficient for securing the Safety of Particular Beings, and available enough, without the Affistance of any other Motives, for Self-Defence and Prefervation: So the Ties we are under, from the Relation which we bear to Communities, and as we all are link'd together in Society, engage our Care for their Defence, and our Concern for their Welfare. Both the Country where we Live, and the Prince that does Protect us, claim from us a particular Regard for their Intereft

and Happineſs; which if we neglect, as far as we are able, to promote; we neceſſarily fall ſhort of our Duty, and those Civil Obligations, to which the Laws of Obedience and Loyalty, and of Society engage us.

Upon which Account it was, that I here have undertaken to publiſh ſome of thoſe Tranſactions, which a long Time have lain dormant; and which could not eaſily be kept ſilent, without a ſhameful Neglect, both of the Favours Sir *Thomas Grantham* receiv'd from the Bounty of his Sovereign, for the Service perform'd in his Plantation of *Virginia;* and alſo of the Generous Returns made to him by the Honourable Company of Merchants Trading to the *Eaſt-Indies*, for his Conduct and Succeſs in Reducing of *Bombay*. For tho' the private Satisfaction that flows from every worthy Deed, is a Recompence endearing to each Brave and Honeſt Mind; yet the Benevolence they ſhowed to theſe Publick Undertakings, was an additional Reward to the unſeen inward Delight, and made the Actions pregnant with a Treble Happineſs of Pleaſure, and of Profit and Renown; as will appear by the following Hiſtory and Account.

In the Year, therefore, 1672, Sir *Thomas* being bound on a Voyage for *Virginia*, as Captain of the Ship *Edward and Jane*, he obtain'd from his Royal Highneſs the Duke of *York*, Protection for ſome of his Men: Of which this is the Copy.

JAMES Duke of *York* and *Albany*, Earl of *Ulſter*, Lord High-Admiral of *ENGLAND* and *IRELAND*, Conſtable of *Dover*-Caſtle, Lord Warden of the *Cinque-Ports*, and Governor of *Portsmouth*, &c.

YOU are not to Impreſs into His Majeſty's Service, any of the Twelve Men hereunder nam'd belonging to the Ship Edward *and* Jane, *Burthen about* 240 *Tons, whereof* Thomas Grantham, *One of my Guard, is Commander; which is bound on a Voyage to* Virginia. *Given under my Hand and Seal, on Board the*

the Prince, *this* 25*th of* JUNE, 1672.

To all Commanders of His Majesty's Ships, and all Others whom it may concern.

JAMES.

But, after this, having One of his Men impreſt by a Fireſhip, he obtain'd his Releaſe, by an Order from Prince *Rupert;* which is as follows.

Prince *RUPERT*, Count *Palatine* of the *Rhine*, Duke of *Bavaria* and *Cumberland*, Vice-Admiral of *England*, and Governor of the Royal Caſtle and Honour of *Windſor*, &c.

BY Virtue of the Power and Authority to Me given by His Royal Highneſs the Duke of York, *and confirmed by His Majeſty, Theſe are to require you forthwith to Diſcharge* George Robins, *belonging to the Ship* Edward *and* Jane *of* London, *whereof* Thomas Grantham *is Commander, bound on a Voyage to* Virginia *for His Majeſty's*

jeſty's Service; whom you have lately impreſs'd. Hereof you are not to fail. Given under my Hand and *Seal at* Whitehall, *the 5th Day of* Auguſt, 1672.

To the Commander of His Majeſty's Fire-Ship the Truelove.

RUPERT.

Upon this he proceeded, by the Bleſſing of God, on his intended Voyage: And having happily arriv'd, after ſome Time, at *Virginia;* he addreſs'd himſelf to the Governor thereof, Sir *William Berkley*, who receiv'd him with ſeveral Marks of Friendſhip and Eſteem; and as a Token of the great Confidence he had in his Fidelity and Valour, he appointed him Admiral of a Fleet of Ships, conſiſting of 25 Sail, for their Safe and Proſperous Conduct Home: His Majeſty being then engag'd in a dangerous and bloody War with the *States-General* of the *United Provinces.*

In the Time of this Sir *William*, it was, that *Oliver* ſubdued the Colony of *Virginia:* Tho', to the immortal Honour of the Loyalty of the Place, it was the laſt of all the King's Dominions, that ſubmitted to the Uſurpation, and the firſt that

that caſt it off. For the Governor caus'd the King to be proclaim'd there, before he return'd for *England.* The Commiſſion he gave Sir *Thomas* then, was this: *Viz.*

By the Governor, and Captain-General of *Virginia.*

WHereas I have receiv'd Command from his moſt Sacred Majeſty, in his Royal Letters dated the 10*th of* March, *in the* 24*th year of His Majeſty's Reign, That during these Times of Danger, occaſion'd by this preſent War with the* States-General *of the* United Provinces, *I ſhould not permit any Ships to depart from hence, but on the* 24*th of* March, June, *and* September; *and that during their Stay here, and their Voyage home, I ſhould appoint ſome of the Ableſt Commanders, to Order and Direct the Fleet under their Charge, until ſuch Time as they ſhall either meet with ſome of His Majeſty's Ships of War in the* Soundings, *or ſhall arrive in ſome Port of* England, *there to expect further Orders. Now, know you all, whom theſe under may concern; that I, Sir* William Berkley, *Kt. Governor, and Captain-General*

ral of Virginia, *out of the Confidence I have in the Valour and good Conduct of you, Captain* Thomas Grantham, *do hereby, according to His Majesty's Commands, and the Power thereof, constitute and appoint you Admiral of the Fleet now to Sail; hereby giving you full Power and Authority, as Admiral, to Command the said Fleet; in His Majesty's Name requiring you to obey ond observe such Orders and Instructions, as I shall give you. And I do hereby straitly command and require all inferior Officers, and Masters of Ships and Vessels now to Sail, to be from time to time obedient to you, as Admiral; and so far as the Wind and Weather will permit them, to observe such Orders, as shall by you and your Inferior Officers be thought fit for your greatest Security, and are according to His Majesty's Commands, and my Instructions, grounded thereon; as you, and they, and every of them, will answer the contrary to His Majesty, and upon the Forfeiture of your several Bonds. Given under my Hand, and the Seal of the Colony, this 2d Day of* April, 1673.

William Berkley.

Arriving therefore in *England* in good time, with the Ships under his Care, he embark'd again in the Year 1676. for *Virginia*, in the Ship *Concord*, Burthen 500 Tonns, with near 50 Men. The Name of the Ship ſeem'd to be given providentially, and as an Omen of that peaceable and friendly Settlement, to which the Country was reduc'd by his prevailing Mediation. For Civil Faction and Rebellion was ſo far advanc'd when he came there, that a Subverſion of the Government was very dangerouſly threatned, and the Incendiaries were grown to ſuch a Pitch of Mutiny and Diſturbance, that nothing could either allay, or appeaſe them.

Their Reſtless Tempers were inflam'd on theſe Accounts: *Viz.* The Diſturbance of the *Indians*; the Reſtraint of their Trade by *Engliſh* Acts of Parliament; the ill Uſage the Planters met with in Exchange of their Tobacco for other Commodities; and the Dividing the Colony into Proprieties, contrary to the Original Charters; and the Charges of Relieving themſelves from thoſe Grants. Which various Complaints Colonel *Nathaniel Bacon* obſerving, he thereupon inſi-

insinuated himself into the Affections of the Discontented; and sends for a Commission to the Governor to head the Men against the *Indians*. But the Governor refus'd it; and order'd him to be proclaim'd a Rebel, if he refus'd to come to him. After this, *Bacon* came with 600 Men arm'd; and the Governor not finding himself powerful enough to resist him, sign'd his Commission; but as soon as he was gone, issued out a Proclamation of Rebellion against him. Whereupon *Bacon* and his Men, instead of Marching against the *Indians*, turn'd their Arms against such of their own Country as should oppose them. Their Demands were so insulting, and their Pretensions so exorbitant, that neither Reason could mitigate, nor Authority curb them.

Bacon, therefore, and *Lawrence*, were the chief Ringleaders of this Tumult and Disturbance; and they, with the rest of their daring Accomplices, forc'd the Governor, and most of the Council and Principal Inhabitants, to fly for Safety to a Place call'd *Accomack*, on the *North* Side of *Cape-Henry*.

Nathaniel Bacon publish'd Two Declarations; one to the People of *Accomack*, and the other to those of *Virginia;* in-

citing both of them to an open Insurrection.

In the First, He animates the People to a High Resentment of those Grievous Oppressions they lay under from the Government of Sir *William Berkley;* because he acted beyond his Power and Commission; and that they had been successful in their War against him. In the Second, to the Inhabitants of *Virginia,* he begins with this High Strain of his Innocence, and the Justice of their Cause.

"If Virtue be a Sin; if Piety be "Guilt; if all the Principles of Morali-"ty, and Goodness, and Justice be per-"verted; we must confess, that those "who are call'd Rebels, may be in Dan-"ger of those high Imputations, those "loud and severe Bulls, which would af-"fright Innocency, and render the De-"fence of our Brethren, and the Enquiry "into our sad and heavy Oppressions, "Treason. But if there be (as sure there "is) a just God to appeal to; if Religion "and Justice be a Sanctuary here; if "to plead the Cause of the Oppress'd; if "sincerely to aim at the Publick Good, "without any Reservation, or By-Interest; "if to stand in the Gap, after so much "Blood

"Blood of our Dear Brethren bought and "ſold; if after the Loſs of a great Part of "His Majeſty's Colony, deſerted and diſ-"peopl'd, and freely to part with our "Lives and Eſtates, to endeavour to ſave "the Remainder, be Treaſon; Let God "and the World judge, and the Guilty "die. But ſince we cannot find in our "Hearts One ſingle Spot of Rebellion and "Treaſon, or that we have in any man-"ner aim'd at the Subverſion of the Set-"tl'd Government, or attempting the "Perſon of any, either Magiſtrate, or "Private Man; notwithſtanding the ſe-"veral Reproaches and Threats of ſome, "who for ſiniſter Ends were diſaffected to "Us, and cenſure our Juſt and Honeſt "Deſigns.—— Let Truth be bold; and "all the World know the Real Foundation "of our Pretended Guilt.

After this, he taxes the Governor, Sir *William*, with Caballing, and Myſterious Deſigns; with Promoting the *Indians* to Employments, the Neglect of Trade, and of the Arts and Sciences. And accuſes him for Expending the Publick Treaſure upon his Favourites; for Protecting the *Indians*, who are Enemies to the King and Country, and are Thieves and Robbers, and

and have Ammunition and Fire-Arms allow'd them, contrary to Law: And that he himſelf had monopoliz'd the Beaver Trade, in Oppoſition to the Settlement.

And then concludes, That he, and his Adherents, unanimouſly deſire to preſent their ſad and heavy Grievances to His moſt Sacred Majeſty, and Parliament of *England*, as their Refuge and Sanctuary; where they know, that all their Cauſes will be impartially heard, and equal Juſtice adminiſtred to all People.

And whereas the Rebels continu'd their Trade in Tobacco, notwithſtanding the Laws of the Colony to the contrary, and the Governor's Publick Prohibitions; the ſaid Governor therefore order'd this Proclamation following to be publiſh'd.

By the Governor, and Captain-General of *Virginia*.

WHereas I have heretofore iſſu'd forth, and publiſh'd ſeveral Proclamations, thereby ſtrictly forbidding all Perſons whatſoever, as well Maſters of Ships, Mariners, Merchants, as Factors reſiding in this

this Countrey, and ſuch as come this Year into this Countrey, as Others, from all manner of Trading, or Dealing in any ſort with thoſe in Rebellion; which Proclamations and Prohibitions have not hitherto been directly obſerved: But that on the contrary, ſeveral Perſons have diſpos'd of Goods on Shore, purchas'd Tobacco to conſiderable Quantities, and procur'd ſeveral Hogſheads of Tobacco to be put on Board ſeveral Ships; whereby the Rebels are encourag'd, and enabl'd to perſiſt and continue in Rebellion againſt his Loyal and Liege People, greatly prejudic'd and diſhearten'd in their Eſtates and Loyalty; for that thoſe in Rebellion and Wavering from their Allegiance, have by that means the ſole Opportunty of Serving themſelves in the Diſpoſal aud Securing their Tobacco, and Furniſhing themſelves with Goods and Neceſſaries; whilſt thoſe truly Loyal are forc'd from their Houſes and Plantations, and their Eſtates ſeized, robb'd, and taken away. All which ſuch Trading, Dealing, or Handling, is directly prejudicial to the King's moſt Sacred Majeſty's Country, and is in it ſelf Rebellious and Traiterous.

I do

I do therefore this once more, by this my Proclamation, not only reinforce my former Proclamations, prohibiting all ſuch Trade; but again ſtrictly forbid all Perſons whatſoever, from any ſuch Trading or Dealing whatſoever, with any Perſons on the Weſtern *Shore in* Virginia, *and alſo from Receiving any Tobacco on Shore, or Taking any Tobacco whatſoever on Board any Ship, or other Veſſel, in order to be tranſported out of this Country, during the Continuance of this Rebellion, except by my eſpecial Leave and Licenſe in Writing, under my Hand for the ſame; upon the Pains and Penalties of being deem'd, held and eſteem'd, as Rebels and Traytors to His moſt Sacred Majeſty; for that the ſame is of Necessity a Nurſing, Maintaining, and Strengthening the Rebellion on foot. Given under my Hand in* York *River, this* 25*th Day of* December 1676. *and in the* 28*th Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King* Charles *the* II*d. whom God preſerve.*

WILLIAM BERKLEY.

To all Magiſtrates and Officers Civil and Military, and all other His Majeſty's Liege People; who are ſtrictly Commanded to Publiſh the ſame by this Original, or a true Copy thereof.

This

This the Governor thought neceſſary for Reducing the Rebels to some Exigences and Straits, and thereby to hearken more eaſily to Terms of Peace and Accommodation.

In the Time of the Rebellion, Sir *Thomas* receiv'd a Letter from Mr. *Richard Lawrence*, One of the Rebels, to this Effect. 'That the Good Subjects of *Virgi-*
'*nia* (as he call'd them; tho' then they
'were in open Rebellion) were grievouſly
'oppreſſ'd, and had taken up Arms for
'their own Defence, and that of His Ma-
'jeſty's Plantation. And deſir'd, that he
'would not condemn them as guilty of
'the horrid Crimes of Treaſon and Rebel-
'lion, which they from their very Souls
'abhorr'd more than their Enemies. He urg'd to him likewise, 'That the Gover-
'nor's Commiſſion was expir'd, and void-
'ed by his own Act: And that if He,
'and the reſt of the Commanders of
'Ships, would not ſtand *Neuter*, they
'would burn all the Tobacco, as they
'had formerly done: And that the Burn-
'ing of the present Crop, would heighten
'the Value of the next.

To this Letter, he immediately return'd this Anſwer. 'That nothing but a ſpeedy 'Repentance could free him, and his 'Friends, and the Country from inevitable Ruin: Which the Governor was very willing to prevent, by extending to 'them his Mercy, as far as it was conſiſtent with his Honour and Safety. And 'that his Commiſſion was so far from being expir'd, that the King was Extending 'his Power, and Sending him more large 'Inſtructions. That as for himself, and 'the reſt of the Commanders, they durſt 'not disobey the Governor's Commands, 'leſt they ſhould incur the high Diſpleaſure of his Majeſty at their Return; who 'would alſo doubtleſs be very much incens'd at the Loſſ of his Cuſtoms, by 'their Impoveriſhing the Country; and 'the Merchants also, by the Loſs of their 'Trade, would unanimouſly ſollicit the 'Puniſhment of all thoſe, who were the 'turbulent Promoters of it. And at laſt ſubscrib'd himſelf,

Your very Loving Friend,

(*As far as my Allegiance to my King, and my Duty to my Governor will permit,*)

THO. GRANTHAM.

And

And therefore, as he was not unmindful of his Duty to his Prince, so neither was he forgetful of that Kindneſs which he ow'd his Fellow-Subjects: And therefore employ'd his moſt ſedulous Care and Intereſt, to promote that Tranquility and Good Underſtanding betwixt the Governor and the Rebels, that the Country, and its Inhabitants, might not be brought to utter Miſery and Desolation. Nor could he think of any Method more conducive towards the Accompliſhing this Good Deſign, than to perſwade the Governor to Meekneſs, and the People to Submiſſion. For, as an unrelenting Temper in Sir *William*, would be apt to harden them in their Obſtinacy, and render them deſperate, while they thought their Crimes unpardonable; ſo their Inclination of Hearkning to any Amicable Propoſals, would be apt to soften the Governor into Kindneſs, and aſſwage his Anger and Reſentment. And therefore, he perſwaded them not to be led away by Evil Counſellors, nor to run the Hazard of Deſtroying both their Souls, and Bodies, and Eſtates; which are the common and moſt dire Effects of Sedition and Rebellion.

For, after his Arrival in *York*-River, he immediately went to *Portopatank*, where he heard the Rebels were aſſembled; and near Mr. *Pate's* Houſe he met with the principal Ringleaders, to whom he addreſs'd himſelf to this Effect. 'What, 'Gentlemen, are you going to your Ruin 'headlong? Are you quite bereft of all 'Senſe of Duty, and Self-Preſervation? 'Have neither the Staple Laws of Na- 'ture, nor thoſe Fundamental Rules of 'your Country, any Influence upon you; 'that your Obſtinacy thus blinds you? 'Have you not yet heard what numerous 'Forces are coming from *England*, to ſup- 'preſs your tumultuous Proceedings? And 'that without an immediate Submiſſion, 'your Fate will be inevitable, and your 'Safety entirely ſhipwreck'd? Hearken 'therefore to the Tenders of Peace, be- 'fore it is too late: Conſult, like Men of 'Senſe, your own Felicity; and quietly 'lay down your Arms; leſt by perſiſting 'in this open Hoſtility, you force them at 'laſt to be ſheath'd in your own Bow- 'els.

And by the Bleſſing of God upon this Advice, which was attended with ſome ſevere Threats, the Civil Breach was cloſ'd be-

between them, and the Animoſities at laſt expir'd.

About this Time, he receiv'd a kind and ſenſible Letter from Mr. *Milner;* which, becauſe it is not long, ſhall be tranſcrib'd.

SIR,

YOU have undertaken a Work, that will ſpeak your everlaſting Fame and Glory; the Conſolidating our ſad Differences, Preventing the Sword and Famine, with other Horrors, that, gaping, were ready to ſwallow up this miſerable Country. The Service you will do herein to the Almighty, to our Dread Sovereign, the Governor, and the Country, will make you honourably ſpoken of throughout the World. I have only to add, that ſince now, as I hope, it will appear by the whole Series of my Actions, my Life and Fortune are both Shipp'd off with the Governor and his Friends; if therefore I may be thought worthy to adviſe, I ſhall leave to your ſerious Consideration; That, if you think good, the Honourable Governor be perſwaded to proceed by the ſame Method His Majeſty did at his Reſtoration, by a Declaration from Bredagh. *Such a one here from his Honour, would abun-*

abundantly ſettle the Minds of Hundreds, that are at preſent amus'd, and at a full Stand. All I add is, That Mercy and Indemnity were ever yet a greater Friend to Peace, than Severity, tho' Juſtice were on the ſame Side. I beſeech you to diſpatch the Bearer back, leſt I am forc'd to come ſingle, and then render my ſelf incapable of doing that Service to the Honourable Governor, which is deſign'd by

Your Faithful Servant,

Jan. 6. 1676.

Geo: Milner.

The Governor was pleas'd to manage his Proceedings, according to the Rules of this Advice. And therefore, tho' ſome of thoſe who animated the Faction were put to Death; and *Bacon* died of the Louſy Evil; yet others, who ſubmitted themſelves, were receiv'd into Favour and Protection. And to theſe the following Oath of Allegiance and Fidelity was adminiſtred by Sir *Thomas*.

'I *A. B.* do willingly and heartily declare, that I know, and in my Confcience believe, *Richard Lawrence*, and many others with him, to be in open Rebellion againft the King's moft Sacred Majefty, and againft the Right Honourable the Governor of *Virginia*, and the good eftablifh'd Laws and Peace of this Colony of *Virginia*. Which Rebellion I do from my Heart abhor and deteft, and do therefore moft willingly, freely, and from my Heart fwear my full Allegiance to the King's moft Excellent Majefty; and that I will with my Life, and whole Eftate, ferve and obey the Right Honourable the Governor, and obey all fuch Magiftrates and Officers, as he fhall from time to time appoint over me; and with them, or any of them, ufe my utmoft Endeavour to my Life's End, to take, feize, kill and deftroy, all fuch Perfons whatsoever, as either now are, or hereafter fhall be in such Rebellion as is recited. This Oath I do moft heartily, freely, and willingly take, in the Prefence of Almighty God. So help me God.

When

When all these Uproars were at an end, and the Government settl'd on its old Basis of Tranquility and Peace, he return'd for *England;* and acquainted His Majesty with the welcome News of Reducing the Rebels to their Duty, and Fixing the Governor in his Power and Command. All which was perform'd with no less Management, than apparent Hazard of his Life. For which Signal Service, His Majesty was graciously pleas'd to bestow upon him a Noble Gift, as a Token of his Princely Kindness to his Loyalty and Good Offices.

In the Year 1676, he proceeded again on on a Voyage to *Virginia*, in the same Ship *Concord*, with about 50 Men, including Passengers, and only 22 Guns. And sailing forward to about 120 Leagues beyond the Land's-End, was attack'd by one *Canary*, a *Spanish* Renegado, and Admiral of the King of *Algiers*, in a New Ship of 48 Guns call'd the *New Rose*, and having on Board more than 600 Men. From whence afterwards arose the *English* Proverb of a *Canary-Bird*, signifying a Rogue. His Bravery for the Defence of his Ship, was as remarkable, as his Perfidiousness had been to the Christian Faith: And it was his

his Courage and Refolution that gain'd him that High Poft in his Earthly Mafter's Service, whatever Cowardice and Means he had betray'd unto his Heavenly.

This Fight happen'd upon *Thurfday* the 25th of *October;* which was extreme defperate and bloody on both Sides. When they came up with one another, *Canary* hal'd him; and pretending to be his Friend, told him the Name of his Ship was the *Rupert.* He anfwer'd him, He did not believe him. *Canary* then commanded him to hoift out his Boat, and come on Board: Which he refus'd; and bad him come on Board him; which he told him he would do fpeedily. This being in the Evening, he prepar'd himfelf for a Fight the next Morning. At which Time hoifting his Top-Sails, he came up to Sir *Thomas,* on his Larboard-Quarter; and letting fly a Red Swallow-Tail Flag at Main-Top-Maft-Head, he fir'd a Shot at him, and commanded him to ftrike to the King of *Algiers,* and Admiral *Canary;* Which he refufing, he came along his Broad Side, and fir'd his Great Guns at him, with a Volley of Small Shot. He return'd him the like Salute. And this was done twice on both Sides. After this

he grappl'd with Sir *Thomas* his Mizon-Chains, fir'd his Great Guns, and mann'd his Decks, and put him to a cloſe Fight. But in two Hours time, by God's Aſſiſtance, Sir *Thomas* beat him off twice or thrice. He ſhot down the Mizon-Yard, fir'd the Mizon-Sail, burnt down the Mizon-Maſt, and putting all abaft on Fire, Sir *Thomas* was forc'd down into the great Cabin, when every Man in that Quarter was either kill'd or wounded, but himſelf; reſolving rather to burn, than to be taken.

From the great Cabin, Sir *Thomas* made a Sign to thoſe in the Fore-Caſtle, to Sally out at the ſame time with him; whereby they kill'd ſeveral, and forc'd others into the Sea, and aboard their Ship. He then endeavour'd to get away; but having faſten'd his Spritſail Top-Maſt to Sir *Thomas*'s Main-Bowling-Bridle, he kept him faſt: And as often as he ſent up his Men, One by One, to the Boltſprit to get clear, Sir *Thomas* his Men ſhot them down; and prevented alſo his extinguiſhing his Fore-yard, which hung over Sir *Thomas* his Ship's Poop, all on Fire. But at laſt his Fore-Sail, Maſts and Yards being all in a Light Flame, he was cut looſe, and

and about Twelve at Noon they parted. Sir *Thomas* ſtood after him till it was dark, but was not unwilling to loſe Sight of him notwithſtanding. In this Fight, Sir *Thomas* had 21 Seamen and Paſſengers kill'd and wounded.

And, after this, making a Safe Voyage Outward, and Home, he related the whole Matter to the King; who, in Conſideration of ſo Noble an Exploit, rewarded him according to his Royal Bounty, with a very Valuable Gold Chain and Medal. Nor were the Owners of the Ship unmindful of this Proof of his Ability and Conduct; and therefore they agreed to make this following Order.

Mr. KENT,

WE, *the Owners of the Ship* Concord, *do agree, and order you, in Conſideration of the extraordinary Managing the Fight againſt the* Turks, *this laſt Voyage by Captain* Grantham, *to lay out, and buy Plate to the Value of Forty Pounds. Which Plate is to be engraven with Two* Turks *Heads, and written,* The Gift of the ſaid Owners: *Which are to be carried in the ſaid Ship,*

as long as the Captain goes to Sea. Subſcrib'd by Us this 27th of Auguſt, 1679.

For RICHARD BOOTH *and Self,*
SAMUEL STORY.
For JOHN LENTON *and Self,*
FRAN. KEMPE.
ARTHUR BAILEY.
MATT. MERITON.
GEORGE BAKER.
THURST. WITHNELL.

The Relation of this Engagement was alſo publiſh'd in the *Gazette*, Thurſday, *December* 5th. 1678.

Nor were theſe Remarkable Inſtances of Bounty the ſole Reward he receiv'd from His Majeſty and the Owners; but the King was likewiſe pleas'd to appoint him Keeper of his *Busby*-Park. And what was kinder, as a Teſtimony of his Special Favour, he recommended him by a Special Mandate, under the Signet and Sign Manual, to the Governor and Company of Mer-

Merchants Trading to the *Eaſt-Indies.* It run thus.

CHARLES R.

TRuſty, and Well-beloved, we greet you well. Whereas our Truſty and Well-beloved Captain Thomas Grantham *has given Eminent Proofs of his abſolute Courage and Loyalty upon ſeveral Occaſions, which deſerve to receive all fitting Encouragement: We have thought fit, as a Mark of our Favour to him, hereby to recommend him in a moſt particular manner to you; that he, and his Ship which he intends to build, may be entertain'd by you, according to your uſual Practice in your Trade to the* Eaſt-Indies. *And ſo not doubting of your ready Compliance herein, which we ſhall take in very good part,*

part, We bid you Farewel. Given at our Court at Whitehall, *the Third Day of* March, 168$\frac{1}{2}$. *in the Four and Twentieth Year of our Reign.*

By His Majesty's Command,

CONWAY.

After the Ship was built and finish'd, Burthen 816 Ton, and carrying 300 Men, His Majesty, with his Royal Highness the Duke of *York*, and several of the Principal Nobility, did him the Honour of Coming Aboard on Her at *Deptford*, and receiv'd from him an Entertainment. And His Majesty having at that time nam'd the Ship *Charles the Second*, conferr'd upon him the Honour of Knighthood, *Feb.* 18. 168$\frac{2}{3}$.

After this he receiv'd his Orders from the *East-India* Company; which were these.

Com-

Commiſſion and Inſtructions, given by the Governor and Company of Merchants of London, *Trading to the* Eaſt-Indies; *to Sir* Thomas Gratham, *Kt. Commander of the Ship* Charles the Second.

'THE King's moſt Excellent Maje-
'ſty having, by his Royal Charter
'bearing Date the 3d. of *April*, 1661. in
'the Thirteenth Year of His Majeſty's
'Reign, granted unto us the Entire Trade
'of the *Eaſt-Indies*, and declar'd, that the
'Ports, Cities, Towns and Places thereof,
'ſhall not be traded unto, viſited, fre-
'quented, or haunted by any other of
'His Majeſty's Subjects, without our Li-
'cence; upon Pain of Forfeiture of Ship,
'Goods, and Impriſonment during His
'Majeſty's Pleaſure. And that if we con-
'ceive it neceſſary, we may ſend either
'Ships of War, Men, or Ammunition in-
'to any of our Factories, or other Places
'of Trade, for the Security and Defence
'of the ſame: and to chuſe Commanders
'and

'and Officers over them; and to give them 'Power and Authority, by Commiſſion 'under our Common Seal, or otherwiſe; 'To continue, and make Peace, or War, 'with any Prince or People, that are not 'Chriſtians, in any Places of our Trade, 'as ſhall be moſt for our Advantage and 'Benefit. And alſo to Right and Recom-'pence our ſelves upon the Goods, Eſtate, 'or People of thoſe Parts, by whom we 'ſhall ſuſtain any Injury, Loſs, or Da-'mage; or upon any other People what-'ſoever, that ſhall any way interrupt, 'wrong, or injure us in our ſaid Trade. 'And that we may ſeize the Perſons of 'ſuch *Engliſh*, or others of His Majeſty's 'Subjects, in the ſaid *Eaſt-Indies*, which 'ſhall Sail in any *Indian*, or *Engliſh* Veſ-'ſel, or inhabit in thoſe Parts without 'our Licence, and ſend them to *Eng-'land.*

'Now We the ſaid Governor and Com-'pany having an undoubted Right by 'ancient Stipulation with the King of '*Perſia*, that we ſhall have for ever Half 'the Cuſtoms of his Port of *Gombroone;* 'and that our Agent ſhall have Seſſion in 'his *Divan*, or Council; and that an Of-'ficer

'ficer of ours ſhall always be permitted 'to Sit in his *Bundar*, or Cuſtom-Houſe, 'to Collect Half the Cuſtoms of his ſaid 'Port of *Gombroone*. Which Privilege 'was ſtipulated, and granted to our Com- 'pany formerly, in Conſideration of the '*Engliſh* Blood and Treaſure, ſpent in Aſ- 'ſiſting his Predeceſſors, Kings of *Perſia*, 'in Taking the Iſland *Ormus* from the '*Portugueze*, which in thoſe Times de- 'priv'd his Empire of all Trade.

'And whereas the ſaid King of *Perſia*, 'or his Miniſters, have for many Years 'laſt paſt depriv'd us of our Ancient Pri- 'vileges before recited, and have put off 'our Agents with the Payment only of 'One Thouſand Tomands yearly, inſtead 'of 40000 Tomands, which our Moiety 'of the Cuſtoms of *Gombroone* amounts 'unto: Upon which a Debt of above 'One Hundred Fifty Thouſand Tomands 'has accru'd to us; which we have often 'without Effect demanded of Him, the 'ſaid King, and his Miniſters:

'We do therefore here, by Virtue of 'the Authority granted unto Us by His 'Majeſty, our Sovereign Lord the King,

'as aforesaid, empower and authorize you 'to invade, and make War upon the said 'King of *Persia*, and his Subjects, by Sea, 'and by Land, as you shall see Cause; 'and to seize and take any of the Ships, 'or Goods, properly belonging to the said 'King of *Persia*, or any of his Subjects; 'and that you deliver the same to our 'Governor and Council at *Bombay*, for 'our Use; together with all the Invoices, 'Books, and Bills of Loading, and Pa-'pers, you shall find on Board any Ship 'belonging to the said King of *Persia*, or 'any of his Subjects.

'But you are in no wise to offer any 'Violence to any of the Goods, Persons, 'or Estates of any of the King of *Indo-'stan*'s Subjects, or any other Prince or 'State in *India*, in Amity with His Ma-'jesty and Us. And if you shall find 'Goods belonging to the Subjects of the 'King of *Persia*, on Board any *India* Ship, 'or Junk, belonging to any King, or 'Prince in Amity with His Majesty, and 'this Company, as aforesaid; you shall 'only take out those Numerical Goods, 'which do belong to the Subjects of the 'King of *Persia*: And shall also duly pay 'unto

'unto the Captain, or Commander of 'ſuch *Indian* Ship, or Veſſel in Amity, 'as aforeſaid, the juſt Freight condition'd 'to be paid, if thoſe Goods had been du-'ly landed in *Perſia*, according to Bills of 'Loading.

'But becauſe the End of all War is 'Peace, we would have you (after you 'have taken near what you think may 'make us Satisfction) to give Notice to 'the King of *Perſia*'s Governor at *Gom-'broone*, That if he will pay you down 'Fifty Thouſand Tomands preſently, you 'have Power to diſcharge the King of '*Perſia* of all Arrears of Cuſtoms due to 'the Company. And that you will deli-'ver all that you have taken, truly and 'faithfully, to the Reſpective Owners, or 'to the Governor for their Uſe; the Go-'vernor engaging to you, that for the fu-'ture He, and his Succeſſors, ſhall duly 'pay the Company Ten Thouſand To-'mands yearly, in full of their growing . Cuſtom of *Gombroone*.

'And you may promiſe on our Parts, 'that we will ſend yearly a Ship of ſuch 'Force as yours, or Two of Half the

'Force, to Guard and Defend the *Perſian* 'Ports, againſt the Inſolences and Af-'fronts of the *Portugueze.* And what-'ſoever you ſhall receive on this Account 'in Money, you are to pay unto our Pre-'ſident and Council at *Surat,* for the Com-'pany's Uſe.

'Tho' We have begun theſe Inſtructi-'ons to you, with and concerning your '*Perſia* Voyage, which was firſt in our 'Intention; yet our Affairs having much 'alter'd ſince that Intent, You are in the 'firſt place, and with the firſt fair Wind, 'after your Arrival in the *Downs,* to Sail 'to our Iſland St. *Helena;* and there to 'deliver to our Governor and Council, all 'Soldiers, and other Things ſhipp'd on 'Board you for that Place: And during 'your Stay there, you are to be Second 'of our Council upon that Iſland; and, 'ſo far as in you lies, to further the Exe-'cution and Performance of all ſuch Or-'ders, as we have given our ſaid Gover-'nor and Council, for the better Govern-'ment and Regulation of our People and 'Intereſt there.

'Being

'Being diſpatch'd from thence in as 'ſhort a Time as poſſibly you can; you 'are immediately to Sail for *Pepper-Bay*, 'within the Streights of *Sanda*, near *Ban-'tam;* firſt Standing into a Small Bay at 'the *South* Side of the *Weſt* End of *Ja-'va*. In one of which Places, you will 'meet with ſome of our Ships, or Intelli-'gences from them, now bound out for '*Bantam*, under the Command of Sir '*John Wetwang*, or of Captain *John Ni-'cholſon;* You agreeing in Writing, be-'fore you go, by what Signs you may 'know any of our Ships at a Diſtance, 'belonging to either of thoſe Fleets.

'As ſoon as you meet with each of our 'ſaid Fleets, if Sir *John Wetwang* be 'preſent, you are to Command as Vice-'Admiral; if He be abſent, as Admiral 'of our ſaid Fleet; and to follow ſuch 'Orders, jointly or ſeverally, as we have 'given to our Agent *Engliſh*, or Coun-'cil, or ſhall hereafter give to our Admi-'ral, Sir *John Wetwang*, and his Coun-'cil of War.

'After

'After your Difpatch from *Bantam*, 'you are to proceed upon your firft in- 'tended *Perfia* Voyage, with one of our 'Sloops in your Company; if it fhall be 'fo thought convenient at a Council of 'War.

'And in the whole Progrefs of your 'Voyage, at all Places, you are to put 'thofe Powers intrufted to Us by His 'Majefty's Charter, recited before in this 'Commiffion, into effectual Execution, 'with your beft Skill and Difcretion, a- 'gainft Interlopers, and all others, that 'fhall violate His Majefty's Juft Autho- 'rity.

'And whatfoever you fhall feize or take 'by Virtue of this, or any other Com- 'miffion deriv'd from His Majefty, at St. '*Helena*, you are to deliver to our Gover- 'nor and Council there; and in other 'Places, to our Governor and Council at '*Bombay;* taking at each Place their re- 'fpective Receipts, for the Particulars of 'what you deliver them; for the Ufe, 'One Half of His Majefty, the other Half 'for our felves. Except only what you 'fhall

'ſhall take from the King of *Perſia*, or his 'Subjects, which only and properly be-'long to the Company.

'God ſending you to *Bombay* or *Surat*, 'after your *Perſia* Voyage, you are to 'leave all our Soldiers at *Bombay*, for a 'Supply to our Gariſon there; and to fol-'low at *Surat* all ſuch further Orders, as 'you ſhall receive from our Preſident and 'Council, for your Loading and Voyage 'Home to *England*, according to your 'Charter-Party. Given under our Com-'mon Seal, the Seven and twentieth Day 'of *July*, *Anno Dom*. 1683.

Seal'd with the Company's Seal, in the Preſence of

E. Portmans.

Richard Harris.

Theſe

These ſeveral Orders, by the Aſſiſtance of God, he executed, to the great Satiſfaction of the *Eaſt-India* Company; and purſu'd their Inſtructions relating to *Perſia* to that Advantage, that he procur'd Satiſfaction for all the Injuries done the Company from the King of *Perſia;* and receiv'd at Two ſeveral Payments from the Agent of that Prince, about Four Hundred Thouſand Tomands, for the Company's Uſe. He renew'd alſo the Ancient Privileges granted to the Company, with other extraordinary Liberties of Traffick.

Beſides this, he took Poſſeſſion of *Hippons,* alias *Princes-Iſle,* in the Name of His Majeſty, for the Service of the Company. And when he had taken it, he gave it the Name of *Carolus. Secundus* Iſle, and fix'd the King's Standard there. It was inhabited by a People, that depended upon thoſe of *Java.*

When he had finiſh'd the Affairs wherein he was engag'd in thoſe Parts, he Sail'd to *Muſcat* in *Arabia Felix;* where alſo he narrowly eſcap'd with his Life, upon this

this Occaſion. In the Evening, coming from that City, and taking his Barge to go on Board his Ship; a Centinel, from the Shore, fir'd a Shot, which paſs'd betwixt him and his Coxon. Upon this, he wav'd his Sword in a threatning manner at him. Of which he was altogether regardleſs, and fir'd again; but the Bullet graz'd upon the Water, and was ſpent before it reach'd the Boat. The next Morning, he was fully reſolv'd upon Receiving ſome Satisfaction for the Affront; tho' it was pretended, that the Cuſtom of the Place allow'd no Boat to go off, after ſuch a Time in the Evening. However, this was not ſatisfactory to his Reſentment; and therefore, he order'd his Surgeon to carry the following Letter to the Governor.

SIR,

'GO on Shore, and pray Mr. *Stephens* 'to go with you to the Governor, 'to interpret to him what is here under-'written.

'Let him know, that I ſent you to demand Satisfaction, for the Great Affront 'which was given yeſterday in the Evening, to the King my Maſter, before it 'was dark:

'Firſt, By being fir'd at, when the 'King of *England*'s Flag was flying in 'the Boat; which is a Breach of the 'Peace.

'Next, For wounding One of my 'Men in his Arm; which may endanger his Life; and for being in Danger of my Life my ſelf.

'And all this was done, without Calling, or making a Noiſe; a Thing unuſual in any Garriſon or Fort in the 'World, and contrary to the Law of 'Arms; and can aim at nothing but private Murther.

'I therefore declare, I will never ſet 'my Foot on Shore in Peace, without 'they ſend me on Board the pretended 'Centinel, to puniſh according to his Deſert.

'ſert. Or that the Governor will be 'pleas'd to order him publick Puniſhment, 'at the Place where the Boat came on 'Shore, and in the Sight of all *Engliſh-* '*men* here.

'If he refuses, let him know from me, 'that if I meet their whole Fleet at Sea, 'or Part of them, I ſhall give Satisfaction 'to my ſelf by them.

'The *Dutch* told me, when they were 'here, they went and came all Hours of 'the Night, as they pleas'd.

'Let him know, I am an *Engliſhman;* 'and value my ſelf in this One Ship, as 'much as if 20 Sail of *Dutch* were here; 'and expect to receive as much Privilege 'and Kindneſs. But if they ſhow their 'Kindneſs to the *Dutch* for Fear; I expect 'they ſhould do the ſame to the *Engliſh* 'for Love.

'This is not the Firſt, Second, or Third 'time they have abus'd the *Engliſh*, who 'always give Reſpect to Strangers. I am 'a Friend, or otherwiſe, as they pleaſe,

THO. GRANTHAM.

This Meſſage put the Governor into ſuch Confuſion, that he immediately ſummon'd his Council, to adviſe what Method was moſt proper for putting a Period to this Diſturbance. They resolv'd therefore to come on Board him, and to heal the Diſguſt that he had taken, by a very ſignificant *Piſcaſh*, or Preſent. But beſides this, he inſiſted upon the Liberty to be granted to all the *Engliſh*, of Paſſing to and fro in their Boats, at what time they pleas'd. And this they ſubmitted to likewiſe under their Hands and Seals: Which Indulgence he deliver'd aftewards to the *Engliſh* General.

For they knew very well, that his Ship was of that Force, that ſhe was able both to annoy their Fort, and burn their Veſſels in the Harbour; and this render'd them ſo very tractable and obſequious to his Demands.

When he arriv'd at *Bombay*, which was on the Third of *November*, 1684. he was inform'd, that one *Richard Keigwin* had, the Year before his Arrival, uſurp'd the Government, impriſon'd the Governor, Mr. *Charles Ward*, and broke in upon the Charter

Charter of the *Eaſt-India* Company; granting Liberty of Trade to all the Parts of *India*, *Arabia*, and *Perſia;* and granted Paſſes to the Ships Trading in thoſe Parts; a Copy of one of which is this: *VIZ.*

VIVAT REX.

To all Kings, Princes and Governors of Countries, Commanders of Ships, or Others, the well-affected Friends of the moſt Potent King of Great-Britain, France *and* Ireland, *Defender of the Faith*, &c.

'CHARLES *the Second*, by the Grace 'of God, of *England*, &c. doth, 'by His Honourable Governor, *Richard* '*Keigwin*, Eſq; grant and give Free Li'berty of Trade, to all his Subjects be'longing to the Port and Iſland of *Bom*'*bay;* and to Navigate their Ships to all 'Ports and Parts of *India*, *Perſia*, and *A*'*rabia*, &c.

'There-

'Therefore, Captain *Henry Gary*, Mer-'chant, and Freeholder of *Bombay*, Own-'er of the Good Ship *Ruparrel*, whereof 'goes *Pedro Domell* Commander; has this 'Paſs in His Majeſty's Name, from his 'ſaid Honourable Governor.

'That all Kings, Princes, and Gover-'nors of Dominions, Countries and Pro-'vinces, and Ports, give the ſaid Ship, 'Commanders and Merchants, free and 'friendly Permiſſion, to have free Ingreſs 'and Egreſs, in and out of their Domini-'ons, Countries and Ports, as they are 'His Majeſty of *Great-Britain*'s Subjects; 'receiving them kindly and courteouſly, 'upon Payment of the Lawful and Uſual 'Cuſtoms, and other Duties of the Ports, 'this Ship may touch at; and granting 'the said Commanders and Merchants 'thereof, to have all Right of Navigati-'on, Traffick and Commerce. Which 'Courteous Civilities will be moſt accepta-'ble to His moſt Serene Majeſty of *Great-'Britain*, and always thankfully acknow-'ledg'd by his Subjects.

'That

'That all Ships, Veſſels or Boats, be-
'longing to any Kings or Princes, His Ma-
'jeſty's Royal Friends, this Ship ſhall at
'any Time or Place meet with, ſuffer her
'to paſſ without Seizure, Moleſtation, or
'Trouble, not offering any Abuſe or Inci-
'vility to the said Ship, Goods, or Per-
'ſons on Board; but aid and aſſiſt her in
'all Caſes of Want, Hazard, or Danger.
'Which Friendly Uſage from Comman-
'ders of such Ships, Veſſels or Boats, will
'demonſtrate their well-affected Amity to
'His Majeſty of *Great-Britain*, and en-
'gage his Subjects to a perpetual Conſerva-
'tion of the same with them.

'Theſe are requeſted and deſir'd from
'all Kings, Princes and Governors, and
'Commanders of Ships, during the Term
'of this Paſs, which is for One whole
'Year, commencing from *January* the 1ſt,
'One Thousand Six Hundred Eighty and
'Three. Given under my Hand and Seal,
'with His Majeſty's Union-Seal, at His
'Majeſty's Fort of *Bombay*, *Jan.* 1. 168$\frac{3}{4}$.

RICHARD KEIGWIN.

J. Thorburn, Secretary.

Thus

Thus, under the Specious Pretence of Loyalty, the pretended Governor, and his Adherents, skreen'd the moſt Execrable Villany, diſguiz'd their deteſtable Rebellion, under the Name of Duty and Obedience, and traiterouſly made uſe of His Majeſty's Authority, to patronize their Revolt and Uſurpation.

And therefore, he fairly repreſented to them, not only the Heinous Proceedings they had engag'd in, and the deſperate Folly they had committed, but the direful and fatal Conſequences that would attend all ſuch unlawful and deſtructive Attempts. This Repreſentation ſtartl'd them into a Pannick Diſtruſt of their unhappy Condition, and put them into ſuch an amazing Fear, as made them dread the ſame Fate that ſeveral of them had undergone.

For the Governor, Mr. *Ward*, was inclin'd to proſecute them with Severity, only he interpos'd with him by Mildneſs and gentle Perſwaſions, rather to propoſe a Pardon to them, upon their Laying down their Arms, and returning to their Obedience.

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He alſo engag'd his Intereſt and Application, for Procuring them a Pardon from the King, and the Company.

Upon this, they drew up ſeveral Articles relating to their full and abſolute Pardon, and a Freedom from all Law-Suits and Moleſtations, upon the Account of their preceding Mutiny and Diſturbance.

Theſe Articles he willingly ſign'd, and afterwards took Poſſeſſion of the Fort and Caſtle of *Bombay, November* the 20th. 1684. And then muſter'd all the Officers and Soldiers in his own Name.

For he was empower'd by the Preſident and Council of *Surat*, to treat with the Mutineers, and make what Amicable Agreement and Concluſion with them he was able.

He was forc'd to continue the Government upon himſelf for Ten Weeks, till Mr. *Charles Zinzan* arriv'd from *Surat*, from whence he was ſent by the General to ſucceed him.

The Occaſion of this Rebellion, which he has given an Account of, was this. Mr. *Boucher*, who had been employ'd by the Company, was turn'd out of their Service; and living at *Surat*, made his

Houſe a Receptacle for the Interlopers, who found him very ſerviceable to their Occaſions and Neceſſities.

At the ſame time alſo, one Mr. *Petit* was turn'd out of his Employment under the Company; and being both of them therefore diſaffected to the Company's Affairs, encourag'd this Diſobedience in *Keigwin* and his Followers, and animated their Defection.

This *Petit* bought a Ship at *Bombay*, and fitted her out, under the Protection of the Rebels. But as he was Sailing to viſit *Boucher* at *Surat*, the *Sanganians* met with him near the High Land of St. *John*'s, and wounded him ſo dangerouſly, that he afterwards dy'd, and his Ship was blown up, and all her Lading deſtroy'd.

The Day before this Action happen'd, Sir *Thomas* was Sailing from *Surat*, in order to reduce *Bombay*. Which as ſoon as, by the good Providence of God, he did, and had taken Poſſeſſion of it, he found mounted on the Fort 114 Pieces of Cannon, and in it 600 Barrels of Powder, with all other Things neceſſary for a long Defence, and 500 Officers and Soldiers in Pay.

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Keigwin, who was more fenfible of his Danger than the reft, he prevail'd upon fooner to furrender himfelf, and alfo to deliver him 12 Bags of Gold, which they had taken out of the Ship *Return*, and which he put on Board his own.

While *Keigwin* and He were making Propofals to the reft, they hifs'd at them, and with loud Exclamations, cry'd, *No Governor, but* Keigwin; *and if he will not hold, we will confirm another.* And had not the Good Providence of God prevented his Deftruction, he had fallen very cowardly murther'd by the Hands of one *Harwood*, a Soldier. For this Fellow, in the Crowd, prefented a Piftol loaden with a Brace of Bullets to his Back; which Captain *Henry Fletcher* feeing, he took hold of it, and diverted the malicious, fatal Stroke.

To fecure to Captain *Keigwin*, and the reft of the Seditious, an Exemption from the Punifhment they juftly deferv'd, Sir *Thomas* willingly yielded, and furrender'd himfelf Hoftage to them, till fuch Time as Sir *John Child*, who was then at *Surat*, and General of *India*, fhould fign, ratify, and confirm the Pardon which was propos'd to them. Which accordingly was

done in a little time afterwards, to the great Satisfaction of the Criminals.

About this Time, there was an *English* Ship ſeiz'd and taken by the *Portugueze*, and carried into *Baſſene*, an Iſland not far diſtant from *Bombay*. Which, as ſoon as he heard of, he ſent this following Letter to the Captain-General of the *Portugueze* for the *North*.

Bombay-Fort, *Nov.* 24. 1684.

SIR,

I Underſtand by a Letter receiv'd from Baſſene, *that you, or ſome of your Ships, have ſeiz'd and taken a Ship belonging to my Maſter the King of* England'*s Subjects, living at* Maderas. *Which Ship I left at* Muſcat, *with Directions to Sail after me to* Bombay, *or* Surat. *I much wonder how you dare do ſuch ill Things, and likewiſe give ſo great an Affront to His moſt Sacred Majeſty, my King.* Sir, *If you do not forthwith, upon Sight hereof, clear and diſcharge the ſaid Ship, making full Satisfaction for all Damages the Own-*

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ers and Commanders have ſuſtain'd by you; Know, that I will come, and fetch Her out of your Harbour, and perhaps ſhake Hands with you at Salſet, *which of Right belongs to my Maſter, who is King of theſe Seas, and whoſe Right I am in Duty bound to maintain in theſe Parts. So expecting a ready and friendly Compliance, or elſe you muſt take what will follow; becauſe I know very well your Readiness to abuſe and murder* Engliſhmen. *This from your Friend, if I find Cauſe, and whom you may oblige,*

THO. GRANTHAM.

Theſe Threats had ſo good an Effect upon the General, that they aw'd him into Juſtice and Civility, and forc'd him to quit his ill-gotten Prize.

Having thus manag'd the great Truſt repos'd in him by the Honourable *Eaſt-India* Company, with that Fidelity and Care that became his Charge and Station, he took his Leave of *India*, and Sail'd back again for *England*.

Where,

Where, in a little time after his Return, his moſt Gracious Sovereign, the Late King *James* II. preſented him with a Valuable Gold Chain and Medal, in Conſideration of thoſe Momentous Affairs, that he had manag'd abroad with ſuch remarkable Succeſs. And alſo he receiv'd, upon the ſame Account, a Noble Gratuity from the Honourable *Eaſt-India* Company.

For Great Minds are never unmindful of Great Services; but the more you endeavour to oblige them, the more you provoke them to out-do, even the moſt Meritorious Performances, by a Liberal Compenſation.

After the Departure of King *James* for *France*, and the Peaceable Settlement of King *William* and His Royal Conſort in *England*, he was ſworn One of His Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Chamber; and was appointed by the Earl of *Dorſet*, then Lord Chamberlain, to attend in that Quality at the Coronation; and receiv'd this Order for that Purpoſe.

April

April the 6th.
1689.

SIR,

HIS Majeſty having appointed You to be One of His moſt Honourable Privy-Chamber in Ordinary, You are, by the Duty of your Place, particularly oblig'd to attend on His Royal Perſon, at his Coronation; which is to be on the Eleventh Day of April *inſtant, at* Weſtminſter. *You are therefore hereby requir'd to give your Attendance at that time, to go in the Proceedings, according to your Place and Quality. Thus I reſt,*

Your Affectionate Friend
to Serve You,

DORSET.

To Sir Thomas Grantham.

Towards

Towards the Conclusion of this same Year, he was also admitted and sworn into the Station of Esquire of the Body to His Majesty K. *William*, according to the Tenor of these Words:

'THese are to Certify whom it may 'concern, That by Virtue of a 'Warrant to me directed, from the Right 'Honourable *CHARLES* Earl of *Dorset* and *Middlesex*, Lord Chamberlain 'of His Majesty's Houshold; I have sworn 'and admitted Sir *Thomas Grantham*, Kt. 'into the Place and Quality of Esquire 'of the Body to His Majesty's Royal Per-'son in Ordinary; to have and enjoy all 'Fees, Rights, Dues, Salaries, Profits, 'Perquisites, and all other Advantages 'whatsoever to that Place belonging, or 'any ways appertaining. In witness where-'of I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal, 'this present 18th of *September*, *A. D.* '1689. in the First Year of Their Maje-'sties Reign.

Fleetwood Shepherd.

These

Theſe were the Dignities he was inveſted with under the Government of King *William* and Queen *Mary*, of Glorious and Immortal Memory.

And when Her Preſent Majeſty aſcended the Throne of Her Celebrated Anceſtor's, to which Her Royal Virtues, had the Kingdom been Elective, like *Poland*, would have entitl'd Her, without Deſcent, by a General Approbation; he was admitted by the Right Honourable the Earl of *Jerſey*, then Lord Chamberlain, into the Place and Quality of One of the Gentlemen of Her Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Chamber, the 17th of *April*, in the Firſt Year of Her Reign. Which, if it ſtill goes on with thoſe progreſſive Marks of Glory and Renown, with which Providence has ſignaliz'd its Beginning, it will be as much the Admiration of future Ages, as it is the Joy and Triumph of the preſent. And were it not that her Government has been ruffl'd with the Diſturbance of a Foreign War, and thoſe miſchievous Conſequences that attend it, the Reign of Queen *ANNE* would be in other Terms the Golden Age, and

Peace would have vy'd with Plenty. But notwithſtanding the Neighb'ring Diſturber of our Peace, She has been highly inſtrumental in producing a very uſeful and pleaſant Harmony out of Diſcord, of Confederating different Perſwaſions Abroad, and Uniting, as much as poſſible, diſſonant Parties at Home, into a League of perfect Amity and Friendſhip.

And that the Families of ſuch who have merited well of their King and Country, might receive ſome Credit and Satiſfaction, from the Brave and Publick Performances of their Predeceſſors, and ſhare in the Reputation of them; he has had the Privilege of an Addition made to his Paternal Coat of Arms, upon the Account of thoſe Serviceable and Adventurous Actions that are mention'd in this Hiſtory: Which I ſhall conclude with the Draught of a Warrant, from the Right Honourable the Lord Marſhal, to *Garter* and *Clarenceux*, Kings of Arms, for making Additions to the Arms, and Alteration in the Creſt, of Sir *Thomas Grantham*, Knight.

'Where-

'WHereas Sir *Thomas Grantham*, of
' *Batavia-House*, within the Pa-
' rish of *Sonbury*, in the County of *Mid-*
' *dlesex*, Knight, One of the Gentlemen
' in Ordinary of Her Majesty's most Ho-
' nourable Privy-Chamber, and Esquire for
' the Queen's Body at Her Royal Coronati-
' on; in both which Stations he likewise
' serv'd the late King *William* and Queen
' *Mary*, of Glorious and Immortal Me-
' mory; having also been One of the
' Directors of *Greenwich* Hospital, from
' its First Foundation; has humbly repre-
' sented unto me, That He, and his Fa-
' ther, Mr. *Thomas Grantham*, of *Bisster*,
' alias *Burncester, in Com. Oxon.* (who
' lost his Life at the Siege of *Oxford*, *An.*
' 1645, in the Cause of the Royal Mar-
' tyr) have commonly us'd these Arms;
' viz. *Ermin a Griphon Rampant, Gules,*
' *beak'd and member'd, azure;* and for
' their Crest, on a *Wreath*, a *Moor*'s, or
' *Saracen*'s *Head, Coup'd Proper;* which
' were, as he conceives, the Arms born
' by his Grandfather, Mr. *Richard Grant-*
' *ham*, a Descendant of the Ancient Fa-

'mily of *Grantham* in *Lincolnſhire*: Praying me to iſſue my Warrant to ſome of 'the Kings of Arms, for making ſuch Additions to the ſaid Coat, and Alteration 'in the Creſt, as may moſt properly denote, and preſerve in Memory, ſome Netable Exploits he has perform'd for his 'Prince and Country, as well as diſtinguiſh him and his Poſterity, from all 'others of that Name or Family.

'And foraſmuch as the ſaid Sir *Thomas* '*Grantham*, being Maſter of the Ship *Edward* and *Jane* of *London*, was, by 'Commiſſion from Sir *William Berkley*, Kt. 'Governor and Captain-General of *Virginia*, dated the Second of *April*, 1673. 'as One of the Ableſt Commanders, conſtituted and appointed Admiral of a Fleet 'of Merchant-Men, conſiſting of 25 Sail, 'from thence; which, in thoſe Times of 'Danger, occaſion'd by the War with the '*States-General* of the United Provinces, 'he convey'd ſafe Home.

'And making another Voyage thither 'in the Ship *Concord*, a Veſſel of 500 'Tons, carrying 32 Guns, and between

'Forty

'Forty and Fifty Men; upon his Arrival 'there, *Anno* 1676, finding the Country 'in open Rebellion, fomented by Mr. *Na*-'*thaniel Bacon*, and other turbulent Spi-'rits, who had taken Arms, and not only 'forc'd the Governor, Sir *William Berk*-'*ly* aforemention'd, with moſt of the 'Council and Chief Inhabitants, to fly to 'a Place call'd *Accomack*, on the *North* 'Side of *Cape-Henry;* but, in Contempt 'of His Majeſty's Authority, burnt the 'Houſe where the Publick Aſſembly and 'Courts of Juſtice are held, at *James*-'*City*: He, the ſaid Sir *Thomas Grant*-'*ham*, in Purſuance of his Duty, ap-'prov'd himſelf to be a Man worthy of 'ſingular Eſteem, for his very prudent 'Conduct; having, by means of a per-'ſonal Acquaintance, ſormerly between 'him and ſome of the principal Officers 'among the Rebels; at the utmoſt Hazard 'of his Life, with exceeding great Ho-'nour and Fidelity, ſo ſucceſsfully tranſ-'acted Matters, as partly by Perſwaſion, 'and partly by Compulſion and Strata-'gem, to reduce that Colony to their juſt 'Allegiance, and entirely Reſettle the Go-'vernment on its former Baſis. For which

'extra-

'extraordinary Service, his Sacred Maje-
'ſty King *Charles* the Second moſt graci-
'ouſly beſtow'd upon him, at his Return
'to *England*, a Noble Donative.

'In which ſaid Ship, the *Concord*, Sail-
'ing again for *Virginia*, he was, the 25th
'of *October*, 1678, about 120 Leagues
'from the Land's-End, attack'd by *Cana-*
'*ry* a *Spaniſh* Renegado, and Admiral of
'the King of *Algiers*, in a new Frigot
'of 48 Guns, call'd the *Roſe*, carrying
'upwards of 600 Men; and defended
'himſelf with ſuch undaunted Courage
'and Bravery, that altho' he had only 22
'Guns, and 50 Men, including the Paſ-
'ſengers, after Two or Three Hours ſharp
'Diſpute, having been Thrice boarded
'by the *Barbarians;* who, enrag'd be-
'cauſe they could not get the Maſtery,
'fir'd him on the Quarter, and the
'Mizon-Yard being ſhot down, fir'd the
'Sail; which burnt very vehemently,
'and immediately ſet all the latter Part
'of the Ship on Fire; yet he ſtill con-
'tinued his Fight, keeping the Round-
'Houſe and Cuddy, till oblig'd by the
'Heat to retire, (all that Accompanied
'him,

'him, being either Kill'd or Wounded,) 'and then getting down into his great 'Cabin and Steerage, Sallied out with thofe 'that were there; refolving rather to pe-'rifh in the Flames, than yield: But in 'the *Interim*, the *Turk*'s Fore-Sail hanging 'in the Brails over the *Concord*'s Poop, and 'taking Fire, he would fain have got off; 'which the faid Sir *Thomas Grantham* en-'deavouring to prevent, by fetching down 'with fmall Shot, as many as run up to 'cut him clear, until his Sails, Mafts, 'Shrouds and Yards, were all in a Blaze, 'when cutting the Enemy loofe, prefently 'their Maft to the Deck went by the 'Board, with many Men in its Top, and 'his bloody Flag; feveral of the Crew 'betaking themfelves to their Boats. How-'ever, at laft, both Sides overcoming the 'Fire, and there being little or no Wind, 'Admiral *Canary*, with the Help of his 'Oars, Row'd, till he was out of Shot, 'otherwife poffibly, many Chriftian Slaves 'might have been Releas'd. But having 'loft abundance of his Men, and the next 'Morning it proving a fmall Gale, he ftood 'away, and left Sir *Thomas* to purfue his 'Courfe; whofe fignal Behaviour in this

'defpe-

'desperate Engagement, justly gain'd him 'the highest Reputation and Applause: 'Insomuch, that his said Majesty, out of 'a Princely Regard to such transcendent 'Valour, gave him a Gold Chain and 'Medal of great Value. And afterwards, 'as a distinguishing Testimony of his ha-'ving given such Proofs of his Abilities, 'Courage and Loyalty, upon these several 'Occasions, which deserv'd to receive all 'fitting Encouragement, was pleas'd, as 'a Mark of his Royal Favour to him, by 'special Mandat, under the Signet and 'Sign Manual, 3d of *March*, 168½. to 'recommend him in a most particular 'Manner, to the Governor and Company 'of *Merchants* Trading to the *East-Indies;* 'that he, and the Ship which he intended 'to Build, might be Entertain'd by them. 'Which Ship, being Built accordingly, 'Burthen 816 Tuns, carrying 64 Guns, 'and 300 Men, the said King, and his 'Royal Highness the Duke of *York*, Lord 'High Admiral, *&c.* attended by divers of 'the Nobility, did him the Honour to be 'present at the Lanching thereof, when 'His Majesty nam'd Her, *Charles the Se-'cond.* And as a farther Acknowledgment of

‘ of the ſaid Sir *Thomas Grantham*'s Emi-
‘ nent Deſerts, Knighted him on Board
‘ the ſaid Ship at *Deptford*, the 18th of
‘ *February*, *Anno* 168$^{2}_{3}$. After which, he
‘ obtain'd the *Eaſt-India* Company's Com-
‘ miſſion, dated the 27th of *July*, 1683;
‘ empowering and authorizing him to in-
‘ vade, and make War upon the King of
‘ *Perſia*, and his Subjects, by Sea and
‘ Land; and to ſeize, and take any of the
‘ Ships and Goods, properly belonging to
‘ the ſaid King of *Perſia*, or any of his
‘ Subjects, in Reprizal for a Debt of 150
‘ Thouſand Tomands, accruing to the
‘ Company, for a Moiety of the Cu-
‘ ſtoms of *Gombroone*, often without effect
‘ demanded; and which, among other An-
‘ cient Privileges, they had been depriv'd
‘ of by the ſaid King of *Perſia*'s Mini-
‘ ſters: tho' it was ſtipulated, and grant-
‘ ed to them formerly, in Conſideration of
‘ the *Engliſh* Blood and Treaſure, ſpent in
‘ Aſſiſting his Predeceſſors, Kings of *Per-*
‘ *ſia*, in Taking the Iſland *Ormus* from the
‘ *Portugueze*, which in thoſe Times de-
‘ priv'd the Empire of all Trade. But,
‘ with Inſtructions, in the firſt place, to
‘ Sail to St. *Helena*, and during his Stay

'there, to be Second of the Company's 'Council upon that Island. From whence 'he was to steer to *Pepper-Bay*, within the 'Streights of *Sanda*, near *Bantam;* first 'Standing into a small Bay, at the *South* 'Side of the *West* End of *Java*.

'In one of which Places, in meeting 'with some of the Company's Ships, then 'bound out for *Bantam*, under the Com-'mand of Sir *John Wetwang*, or of Cap-'tain *John Nicholson;* if Sir *John Wet-'wang* was present, He, the said Sir *Tho-'mas Grantham* was to Command as Vice-'Admiral; but if absent, as Admiral of 'the said Fleet; and thence to proceed 'upon the *Persia* Voyage, with one of 'their Sloops in his Company, if it should 'be so thought convenient at a Council of 'War, &c.

'All which Powers and Directions he 'so happily executed, as to acquire from 'the King of *Persia*'s Agents, for the Com-'pany, about 400 Thousand Pounds in 'Money, at Two Payments, and full Re-'stitution of their Ancient Rights, with 'other Advantages of Commerce.

'And

'And moreover, took Poſſeſſion in the 'King's Name, on their Behalf, of *Hip-'pons*, alias *Princes-Iſle*, inhabited by a 'People dependant on *Java;* giving it 'the Name of *Carolus Secundus* Iſle.

'Nor was he leſs Succeſsful in Serving 'the Company, on his Arriving at *Bom-'bay*. For, Coming to an Anchor in the 'Bay, *November* the 3d, 1684, and recei-'ving Intelligence, that a Revolution 'had been made the 27th of *December*, 'the Year preceding, by one *Richard 'Keigwin*, and his Abettors; who, uſurp-'ing the Government, impriſon'd Mr. '*Charles Ward*, their Governor, there; 'and granted free Liberty of Trade to 'all His Majeſty's Subjects belonging to 'that Port and Iſland, and to Navigate 'their Ships to all Parts and Ports of *In-'dia*, *Perſia*, and *Arabia*, &c. with all 'Right of Navigation, Traffick, and Com-'merce; contrary to the Royal Charter of 'the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty, bear-'ing Date the 3d of *April* 1661, & 13. '*Regni ſui*, appropriating to the Company 'the entire Trade of the *Eaſt-Indies*, and

'declaring, that the Ports, Cities, Towns 'and Places thereof, ſhould not be traded 'unto, viſited, frequented, or haunt-'ed by any of His Majeſty's Subjects, 'without their Licence, *&c.* He, the 'ſaid Sir *Thomas Grantham*, lay by, till 'he ſecur'd, and cut off Twenty two of 'their Ships and Veſſels, laded with Pro-'viſions and Merchandize; and then 'Landing the 20th of *November*, with '250 Men, in the Night, ſurpriz'd the 'Caſtle and Fort, which had 114 Pieces 'of Cannon mounted, making himſelf 'Maſter thereof. Whereupon he reliev'd 'the aforeſaid Mr. *Ward* from his Confine-'ment, retriev'd to the Value of 12 Thou-'ſand Pounds of the Company's Treaſure, 'that had been treacherouſly ſeiz'd in the 'Ship *Return*, and without Effuſion of 'Blood, reclaim'd both Soldiers and Inha-'bitants to their due Obedience, by the 'ſeaſonable Offer of Indemnity, and a 'general Pardon; which he afterwards 'procur'd to be ratified, confirm'd, and 'ſign'd on Board the *Charles the Second*, 'at the River's Mouth of *Surat* the 2d of '*February*, 168^{4}_{5}, by the Honourable '*John Child*, ſince created Baronet, Pre-'ſident of *India*, &c.

'And

'And the ſaid Sir *Thomas Grantham* 'having, while he ſtay'd in the ſaid Port of '*Bombay*, exercis'd the Office of Gover- 'nor of the Caſtle, Fort, and Iſland, with 'much Prudence and Integrity, render'd 'it up to the Perſon, whom the aforeſaid 'Preſident, and Council of the *Indies* did 'nominate to that Command.

'And upon his Coming Home, receiv'd 'of the Gift of his moſt Gracious Sove- 'reign and Maſter, the late King *James* 'the IId, a very Valuable Gold Chain and 'Medal, as an Evidence of his Favourable 'Acceptance of this Remarkable Service; 'beſides a conſiderable Preſent from the 'Honourable *Eaſt-India* Company, out 'of their Grateful Senſe of his having ſo 'faithfully and effectually diſcharg'd the 'ſeveral important Truſts, committed by 'them to his Management.

'I *HENRY*, Earl of *Suffolk* and *Bin-* '*don*, *&c.* One of the Lords of Her Ma- 'jeſty's moſt Honourable Privy Council, 'and Deputy (with the Royal Approbati- 'on) to his Grace, *Thomas* Duke of *Nor-* '*folk*, Earl Marſhal, and Hereditary 'Marſhal of *England*, ſeriouſly weighing 'the

'the Premiſes, do hereby therefore order 'and appoint you to make ſuch Additions 'to the ſaid Coat, and Alteration in the 'Creſt of the ſaid Sir *Thomas Grantham*, 'Knight, as may fitly perpetuate his Me-'rit, and (after my Approbation) to aſ-'ſign the ſame in uſual Form to him, and 'his Poſterity, to diſtinguiſh them ac-'cordingly. Requiring you to take Care 'that my ſaid Approbation, together with 'theſe Preſents, and the Inſtrument and 'Pattent for ſuch Additions and Alterati-'ons, be enter'd by the Regiſter in the 'College of Arms. For all which this 'ſhall be your ſufficient Warrant. Given 'under my Hand and Seal, the Day 'of in the Tenth Year of the 'Reign of our Sovereign Lady *Anne*, by 'the Grace of God, Queen of *Great Bri-'tain*, *France*, and *Ireland*, Defender of 'the Faith, *&c.* *Annoq; Domini*, 1711.

To Sir Henry St. George, *Kt. Garter, Principal King of Arms; and* John Vanbrugh, *Esq; Clarenceux, King of Arms.*

I do

I Do hereby upon Oath atteſt, that the Facts herein contain'd, relating to my Self, are true; And that the other Matters, here repreſented, are agreeable to the Informations, given by my Mother, and Others.

Tho. Grantham.

Jurat. 10. Julij 1711.
coram me,

Jo. MELLER.

FINIS.